



Virginia Green Lodging is the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) initiative to promote pollution prevention (P2) practices in the tourism and hospitality industry. *Green Lodging* encourages hotels, resorts, and other hospitality operations to be aware of their impact on the environment and to take steps to reduce these impacts. *Green Lodging* is a non-regulatory program, and participation is completely voluntary and free of charge.

Virginia Green Lodging Profile:

The Ebenezer House

Bed & Breakfast

Madison, Virginia

The Ebenezer House Bed and Breakfast is a country chalet, formerly the Ebenezer Methodist Church built in 1901. The Ebenezer House features three guest rooms and two guest lofts. Small weddings, bridal showers, and other events are welcome. The Ebenezer House is committed to environmental excellence and works to minimize environmental impacts whenever possible.

Green Lodging Activities. When visiting The Ebenezer House, you can expect the following practices:

- 🌍 **Optional Linen Service**
- 🌍 **Recycling**
- 🌍 **Water Conservation**
- 🌍 **Energy Conservation**
- 🌍 **Green Events**



Optional Linen Service

- Train house cleaners on process of optional linen service
- Purchase water efficient washers and dryers
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic, biodegradable laundry detergents
- Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals

Recycling

- Recycle glass, aluminum cans, steel cans, plastic, office paper, toner cartridges, newspaper, cardboard, packing supplies, fluorescent lamps, batteries, and electronics equipment and compost food wastes

Waste Reduction

- Bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps
- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
- Eliminate use of Styrofoam
- Use dishware and glassware to minimize use of disposables

- Use cloth napkins and unbleached coffee filters
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar in bulk
- Refill water pitchers to minimize single use bottles
- Purchase locally grown, organic and sustainably-grown produce and other foods
- Purchase recycled-content paper-towels and toilet paper
- Purchase from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
- Use two-sided copying and printing
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Purchased durable equipment and furniture
- Purchase “low-VOC” carpets and fabrics
- Use of reused building materials
- Use latex paint
- Recycle/dispose of thinners and solvents properly
- Use preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing and vehicles
- Use least toxic materials
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides and use integrated pest management



Water Conservation

- Track overall water usage and wastewater
- Preventative maintenance of drips and leaks
- High efficiency dishwashers
- Use dry clean up methods over water-based methods
- Low flow toilets and restrictors on faucets and showerheads

Energy Conservation

- Track overall energy bills and set a numeric goal to reduce
- Use high efficiency compact fluorescent light bulbs in rooms and spotlights
- Use high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps
- Have High Efficiency Heating & Air Conditioning and use ceiling fans
- Individual thermostats in each guest room
- Use natural lighting whenever possible
- Purchase EnergyStar computers and appliances
- Thermal-rated windows and insulation
- Use directional lighting in parking lots and walkways

For more information on **The Ebenezer House**, see

www.TheEbenezerHousebb.com.

For more information on **Virginia Green Lodging** program, see

www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging.



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